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SUBJECT: GRAVES OF AMERICANS IN TRIPOLI

REFS: (A) STATE 194034; (B) TRIPOLI 1245

1. ACCORDING TO OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, USAF, PAYMENT OF EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH DISINTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION FOR REINTERMENT OF MILITARY DEPENDENTS IS NOT AUTHORIZED UNLESS THE ORIGINAL BURIAL WAS TEMPORARY.

2. PRIOR TO MAKING FINAL DECISION ON HOW TO PROCEED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFO EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP ON:

(1) LARG INTENTIONS RE REMOVAL OF GRAVES TO NEW LOCATION OUTSIDE OF TRIPOLI OR TO ORDER REPATRIATION OF REMAINS WITHOUT ALTERNATIVE OF RE-BURIAL IN LIBYA; (2) LARG INTENTIONS RE PAYMENT FOR COSTS WHICH WOULD BE INCURRED IN RELOCATING GRAVES IN LIBYA; (3) EMBASSY ESTIMATE ON

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FEASIBILITY AND POSSIBLE COST OF EXHUMATION AND TRANSFER

OF REMAINS EITHER TO NEW LIBYAN LOCATION OR US; AND (4)
WHETHER GRAVE SITES STILL IDENTIFIABLE ACCORDING TO LIST
PROVIDED IN JUNE 7 HOLM LETTER.

3. WE RECOGNIZE NEED TO DO ALL POSSIBLE WITHIN OUR MEANS
TO PROTECT AMCIT INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER. UNTIL WE HAVE
EXAMINED ALL POSSIBILITIES WE PREFER NOT TO APPROACH
FAMILIES IN ORDER NOT TO REVIVE TRAGIC MEMORIES OR RAISE
FINANCIAL WORRIES. KISSINGER

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